

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A program guide displaying apparatus for displaying a program table, in which a plurality of program information are displayed in a 2-dimension of a time axis and a channel axis, said apparatus comprising:

 a program information obtaining device for obtaining the program information including information indicative of a program name, a start time, a length of a program or an end time, a broadcasting channel and a broadcasting date of respective one of a plurality of programs;

 a date setting device for setting a date of the program table to be displayed; and

 a displaying device for extracting the program information corresponding to the date set by said date setting device from among the program information obtained by said program information obtaining device, displaying the extracted program information as the program table corresponding to the date set by said date setting device and, if the date of the program table is changed by said date setting device, displaying the extracted program information as the program table corresponding to the changed date with a display time band set in advance,

 wherein, said displaying device extracts the program information within a time range including the program which is most recently received and within a display channel range including the channel of the program which is most recently received, if the date set by said setting device is a present day, and

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said displaying device extracts the program information within said display time band having a fixed time range from a starting time to an ending time both fixed in advance and within a display channel range including the channel of the program which is most recently received, and displays the program information from the fixed starting time, if the date set by said setting device is not the present day.

Claims 2 and 3 (canceled)

4. (original) A program guide displaying apparatus according to claim 1, wherein, if the date of the program table is changed by said date setting device, said displaying device displays the program table with a display channel range displayed before the date of the program table is changed.

5. (currently amended) A program guide displaying apparatus for displaying a program table, in which a plurality of program information are displayed in a 2-dimension of a time axis and a channel axis, said apparatus comprising:

a program information obtaining device for obtaining the program information including information indicative of a program name, a start time, a length of a program or an end time, a broadcasting channel and a broadcasting date of respective one of a plurality of programs;

a displaying device for displaying the obtained program information as the program table including a plurality of program cells as for a predetermined display time range and a predetermined display channel range; and

a program cell selecting device for selecting one of the program cells within the displayed program table,

wherein, if the program of the program cell selected by said program cell selecting device, from the program table presently displayed by said displaying device, is a program which exceeds the predetermined display time range of the program table presently displayed and continues, said displaying device changes the predetermined display time range in such a manner that a start time of the selected program cell is positioned within a unit time at a lead of a display time band of the program table, and displays the program table within the changed display time range ~~in such a manner that the start time of the selected program cell is positioned within a leading display time band~~.

6. (original) A program guide displaying apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising a date setting device for setting a date of the program table to be displayed,

wherein said displaying device extracts the program information corresponding to the date set by said date setting device from among the program information obtained by said program information obtaining device and displays the extracted program information as the program table.

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7. (original) A program guide displaying apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising a range setting device for setting the display time range and the display channel range,

wherein said displaying device extracts the program information within the display time range and within the display channel range set by said range setting device from among the program information obtained by said program information obtaining device and displays the extracted program information as the program table.

8. (original) A program guide displaying apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said displaying device displays a cursor on the selected program cell.

9. (original) A program guide displaying apparatus according to claim 5, wherein, if the program cell is changed by said program cell selecting device, said displaying device displays the program table with the display channel range same as before the program cell is changed.

10. (original) A program guide displaying apparatus according to claim 5, wherein, if the program cell is changed by said program cell selecting device, said displaying device displays the program table in which the channel of the changed and selected program cell is set as a leading display channel.

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11. (currently amended) A program guide displaying method of displaying a program table, in which a plurality of program information are displayed in a 2-dimension of a time axis and a channel axis, said method comprising:

a program information obtaining process of obtaining the program information including information indicative of a program name, a start time, a length of a program or an end time, a broadcasting channel and a broadcasting date of respective one of a plurality of programs;

a date setting process of setting a date of the program table to be displayed; and

a displaying process of extracting the program information corresponding to the date set by said date setting process from among the program information obtained by said program information obtaining process, displaying the extracted program information as the program table corresponding to the date set by said date setting process and, if the date of the program table is changed by said date setting process, displaying the extracted program information as the program table corresponding to the changed date with a display time band set in advance,

wherein, said displaying process extracts the program information within a time range including the program which is most recently received and within a display channel range including the channel of the program which is most recently received, if the date set by said setting process is a present day, and

said displaying device extracts the program information within said display time band having a fixed time range from a starting time to an ending time both fixed in advance and within a display channel range including the channel of the program which is most recently received,

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and displays the program information from the fixed starting time, if the date set by said setting device is not the present day.

Claims 12 and 13 (canceled).

14. (original) A program guide displaying method according to claim 11, wherein, if the date of the program table is changed by said date setting process, said displaying process displays the program table with a display channel range displayed before the date of the program table is changed.

15. (currently amended) A program guide displaying method of displaying a program table, in which a plurality of program information are displayed in a 2-dimension of a time axis and a channel axis, said method comprising:

a program information obtaining process of obtaining the program information including information indicative of a program name, a start time, a length of a program or an end time, a broadcasting channel and a broadcasting date of respective one of a plurality of programs;

a displaying process of displaying the obtained program information as the program table including a plurality of program cells as for a predetermined display time range and a predetermined display channel range; and

a program cell selecting process of selecting one of the program cells within the displayed program table,

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wherein, if the program of the program cell selected by said program cell selecting process, from the program table presently displayed, is a program which exceeds the predetermined display time range of the program table presently displayed and continues, said displaying process changes the predetermined display time range in such a manner that a start time of the selected program cell is positioned within a unit time at a lead of a display time band of the program table, and displays the program table within the changed display time range ~~in~~ such a manner ~~that the start time of the selected program cell is positioned within a leading~~ display time band.

16. (original) A program guide displaying method according to claim 15, further comprising a date setting process of setting a date of the program table to be displayed,

wherein said displaying process extracts the program information corresponding to the date set by said date setting process from among the program information obtained by said program information obtaining process and displays the extracted program information as the program table.

17. (original) A program guide displaying method according to claim 15, further comprising a range setting process of setting the display time range and the display channel range,

wherein said displaying process extracts the program information within the display time range and within the display channel range set by said range setting process from among the

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program information obtained by said program information obtaining process and displays the extracted program information as the program table.

18. (original) A program guide displaying method according to claim 15, wherein said displaying process displays a cursor on the selected program cell.

19. (original) A program guide displaying method according to claim 15, wherein, if the program cell is changed by said program cell selecting process, said displaying process displays the program table with the display channel range same as before the program cell is changed.

20. (original) A program guide displaying method according to claim 15, wherein, if the program cell is changed by said program cell selecting process, said displaying process displays the program table in which the channel of the changed and selected program cell is set as a leading display channel.

21. (previously presented): The program guide displaying apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the apparatus further comprises a time range setting device which sets said time range in accordance with a user's instruction.

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22. (previously presented): The program guide displaying apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said displaying device starts displaying the extracted program information as the program table in accordance with a user's instruction, and

said date setting device sets an initial date of the program table at a present day if said displaying device displays the extracted program information in accordance with the user's instruction, and sets the date of the program table at a designated date if said date setting device changes the data of the program table in accordance with the user's instruction to designate the date of the program table.

23. (previously presented): The program displaying method according to claim 11, wherein the method further comprises a time range setting process for setting said time range in accordance with a user's instruction.

24. (previously presented): The program guide displaying method according to claim 11, wherein, said displaying process starts displaying the extracted program information as the program table in accordance with a user's instruction, and

said date setting process changes the data of the program table in accordance with a user's instruction to designate the date of program,

wherein said date setting process sets an initial date of the program table at a present day if said displaying process displays the extracted program information in accordance with the user's instruction, and sets the date of the program table at the designated date if said date setting

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process changes the data of the program table in accordance with the user's instruction to designate the date of program.

25. (currently amended) A program guide displaying method of displaying a program table, said method comprising:

obtaining program information of a plurality of programs;

setting a date of the program table to be displayed;

extracting program information corresponding to the set date set from among the program information obtained; and

displaying the extracted program information as the program table corresponding to the set date,

wherein, if the date of the program table is changed, displaying the extracted program information as the program table corresponding to the changed date with a fixed display time band from a starting time to an ending time both fixed in advance, such that the program information is displayed from the fixed starting time.

26. (currently amended) A program guide displaying method of displaying a program table, said method comprising:

obtaining program information of a plurality of programs;

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displaying the obtained program information as the program table, including a plurality of program cells for a predetermined display time range and a predetermined display channel range; and

selecting one of the program cells within the displayed program table,

wherein, if the program of the program cell selected from the program table presently displayed is a program which exceeds the predetermined display time range of the program table presently displayed and continues, the predetermined display time range is changed in such a manner that a start time of the selected program cell is positioned within a unit time at a lead of a display time band of the program table, and the program table is displayed within the changed display time range ~~in such a manner that the start time of the selected program cell is positioned within a leading display time band.~~